Income-Tax exemption to backward states

†2875. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether more backward States other than Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal, which have been given special exemption in Income-Tax and excise considering their backwardness, would also be given the same kind of exemption; and

(b) if not, whether it is not an injustice to very backward States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Tax concessions have been provided for the North-Eastern States and the States of Sikkim, Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir for promoting industrialization of the geographically difficult areas. There is not other State falling in the same category and so there is no discrimination. There is no proposal to allow such concessions in any other State.

Tax collected from petroleum products

2876. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of taxes/levies collected by the Central and State Governments from petroleum products;

(b) what is the break-up of prices of petrol, diesel, domestic LPG and PDS kerosene respectively; and

(c) the comparison of taxes collected per unit of petroleum products in India as against those in other South Asian Economies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Amount of taxes/levies collected

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